

REMARKS

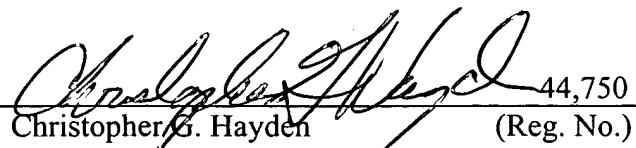
Claims 20-23, 27, 29-31, 33-37, 41-47, and new claims 48-51, as amended, are pending. Claims 24-26, 28, 32, and 38-40 are canceled. All of the new claims are supported by the originally-filed specification. In addition, the specification has been amended to appropriately cross-reference the related parent application history. As no new matter has been added by these amendments and new claims, Applicants respectfully request their entry at this time into the record of the above-captioned application.

Applicants specifically and explicitly disavow the previously submitted Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.607(a). The amendments to the independent claims 20 and 35 make such claims inappropriate for inclusion in an interference with U.S. Patent No. 6,225,034. Specifically, the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,225,034 all recite specific quantities of DMSO and specific quantities of one of two specific alkanolamines, while the instant claims require the organic solvent to consist essentially of one of selected solvents, none of which are an alkanolamine. Applicants therefore no longer request that an interference be declared, as no embodiment of an invention that falls within the scope of any claim of U.S. Patent No. 6,225,034 will fall under the scope of any of claims 20-23, 27, 29-31, 33-37, 41-47, and new claims 48-51, as amended. Applicants further respectfully submit the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be greatly appreciated. Should the Examiner disagree, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to arrange for a telephonic or in-person interview to discuss any remaining issues with a view toward allowance.

No fees are believed to be due for this submission. Should any additional fees be due, however, please charge such fees, and/or credit such overpayments, to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

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